STD facility on local dialing

†362. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States from where STD facility is being provided on local dialing in the country; and

(b) by when this facility would be provided to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Subscriber Trunk Dialing (STD) facility can be availed without dialing '0' among following States/Union Territories:

(i) Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura (ii) Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh (iii) Bihar and Jharkhand (iv) Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh (v) Goa and Maharashtra (vi) Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu (vii) Sikkim and West Bengal

(viii) Daman Diu, Silvasa (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) and Gujarat (ix) Lakshadweep, Minicoy and Kerala (x) Chandigarh and Punjab (xi) Part of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi

(b) No time-frame has been fixed to provide this facility to other States.

Global confidence in BPO industry

363. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent call centre scam near Delhi involving leakage of bank account numbers, bank card details and secret passwords of more than 1000 British bank customers holds grave ramifications for the Indian BPO industry;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.